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CHANGES IN NORMS OF AUWSP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has proposed some changes in the present norms of `Accelerated Urban water Supply Programme` with reference to the 2001 Census and present inflation; and

(b) if so, the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a): Yes, Sir. During the review meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary(UD) on 13.9.2002, therepresentative of Government of Maharashtra suggested that `C` Class Municipalities having population upto 50,000 may also be considered under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP)Also the cost norm of Rs.1000 per capita, as indicated in the guidelines of AUWSP may be revised upwards as most of the schemesin Maharashtra State are based on long distance surface sources requiring higher investment.

(b): It is proposed to cover all towns having population below 20,000 as per 1991 census as per the existing guidelines.

As regards cost norms, it is clarified that the per capita cost norm of Rs.1000 indicated in the existing guidelines of AUWSPis only indicative. The higher per capita cost is considered on merit if proper justification is given in the Detailed Project Reports submitted by the State Governments.